

22 MERCHANTS BUY  
WAR SAVINGS BONDS

Go in a Body to Postoffice to Aid in the Thrift Campaign.

A MEETING SUNDAY  
Committee Plans to Push the Sale by Becoming Distributors.

The "baby bond" campaign was started with an enthusiastic rush a little after 10 o'clock this morning, when twenty-two of the merchants' committee for the sale of thrift stamps, and other business men of Columbia, gathered at the Daniel Boone Tavern and went in a body to the Postoffice, each buying a 25-cent thrift stamp and a \$5 War Savings Certificate.

A meeting of the merchants' committee was held last night, when it was decided to call a meeting of all the business men in Columbia for Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Tavern. It was thought by the committee that a greater distribution could be secured if the merchants could be induced to act as official distributing agents in the campaign.

Both the United States War Savings Certificates of \$5 and the United States Government thrift stamps of 25 cents will be put on sale at all banks and at the Postoffice. The plan outlined by the committee was to have as many other places of distribution as possible in the city. The members were not certain, but believed that in order to become an official distributing agent, \$1,000 worth of the "baby bonds" would have to be bought.

The twenty-two men stepped to the paying window at the Postoffice in the following order: H. B. Goetz, C. O. Selders, F. W. Leonard, W. B. Nowell, Jr., W. J. Hetzel, W. W. Payne, D. A. Robnett, C. B. Miller, F. A. Dalton, A. F. Neate, C. C. Bowling, Thomas McHarg, W. T. Anderson, A. Fredendall, J. E. Gillaspie, Thomas Taylor, L. E. Renie, A. M. Rummans, J. H. Estes and S. F. Conley. Each received a thrift stamp card and a savings certificate, paying \$4.37 for the two. The aggregate worth of the "baby bonds" bought, at the time of expiration in 1923, will be \$115.50.

J. P. McBaine, county chairman of the campaign, appointed two committees today. Those for the Columbia public schools are: J. E. McPherson, chairman; Mrs. M. D. Lewis, Lee; Miss F. McClanahan, Grant; Miss Tillie McHarg, Benton; Mrs. Nannie McKimpton, Eugene Field; Miss Anna Finley, Jefferson, and Miss Saldee Stean, High School.

Those appointed for the Boone County public schools are: George T. Porter, chairman, Columbia; George W. Husted, Ashland; Elmer Mace, Rocheport; Ida E. Graham, Harrisburg; Janette White, Hallsville; M. V. Long, Sturgeon; F. G. Hale, Centralia; S. C. Brightman, Columbia; J. D. Eliff, Columbia; Paul Carr, White District; Georgia Robinson, Hallsville; E. W. Hagan, Harrisburg, and Ruth Wilkes, Huntsdale.

## DEAN LOEB ITS LEGAL ADVISER

Vaughn Bryant Also Named Assistant Director of Food Administration.

Dean Isidor Loeb of the School of Business and Public Administration of the University has been appointed legal advisor for the Federal Food Administration for Missouri. Dean Loeb has volunteered his services to the administration and will immediately take up the new work.

The appointment of Vaughn Bryant as assistant to the director of the food administration has also been made by Dean F. B. Mumford to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Don D. Patterson. Mr. Bryant is a graduate of the School of Journalism of the University and at the present is instructor in journalism at the University of Kansas. He will take up his position January 1.

Lee S. Walker, an attorney of Columbia and a former instructor in the School of Law of the University, has been appointed licensing inspector of the administrator and will open his office in the offices of the administration in the Agricultural Building next Monday.

## R. C. STAMP SALE TOMORROW

Chi Omega Sorority Will Open Campaign at Postoffice.

The Columbia Charity Organization Society will have charge this year of the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. The Chi Omega sorority will open the campaign at the Postoffice tomorrow. Miss Nancy Wright and Alfonso Johnson of the Co-Op Store will have charge of the sales at the Co-Op. Miss Margaret Sampson will conduct the sales at the Red Cross rooms. Any club or sorority wishing to help should call Mrs. Victor Barth.

## Christian Closed For Holidays

Christian College closed today for the holidays, and will open again on January 3. Only a few students remained at the school for the holidays.

## MERCHANTS "RAID" POSTOFFICE TO BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES



This Photograph Was Taken for the Missourian as the Merchants Were Leaving the Postoffice After Investing in Savings Certificates.

## THE CALENDAR

Dec. 14.—Eight more shopping days before Christmas.  
Dec. 14.—The Columbia Equal Suffrage League will meet at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at the home of Mrs. W. E. Harsh, 400 South Sixth street, instead of Thursday.  
Dec. 17.—Miss Ella V. Dobbs will speak on "The Junior Red Cross" at 7:30 p. m., in the Missouri Union Building.  
Dec. 17.—Meeting of Play Reading Club at Faculty Union at 7:30 p. m. Houghton's "Hindle Wakes" will be read.  
Dec. 21.—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.  
Jan. 3.—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.  
Jan. 14—15.—Farmer's Week.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR  
RED CROSS DRIVE

Thirteen Columbians Who Will Speak in County Hold Conference.

## IN PULPITS SUNDAY

Union Services at Night Will Be Devoted to Talks on Campaign.

Organization of the county Red Cross work was started at 4 o'clock this afternoon when Dean Isidor Loeb and thirteen men who are to conduct the campaign in the county met in the Commercial Club rooms for a conference. Instructions in how to conduct meetings, and the way to enroll members in the work were among the things discussed by the committee. The speakers are: Dr. J. W. Hudson, A. W. Taylor, N. T. Gentry, W. R. Gentry, Jr., Lee Walker, E. C. Anderson, W. M. Dinwiddie, W. L. Nelson, H. A. Collier, Lakenan Price, George Starrett, J. E. Boggs and L. M. Defoe. Doctor Hudson will talk at Centralia and A. W. Taylor at Ashland.

Union services will be held in Columbia Sunday night at the Hall Theater. E. W. Stephens, chairman of the Columbia Red Cross chapter, will preside and Dr. W. C. Biting will speak.

Dean Loeb this morning asked for volunteers from the University High School and Columbia High School to receive the membership blanks on Volunteer Monday. He said that by 3 o'clock this afternoon 105 had volunteered from the University High School, and that he expected as many from the Columbia High School. The boys and girls will be stationed in the banks and stores downtown and in the Postoffice.

E. Sydney Stephens, district manager, said today that many merchants and bankers had taken the advice of the campaign managers and joined the Red Cross ahead of time. Some of those establishments already displaying Red Cross service flags in their windows are: Victor Barth Clothing Company, C. B. Miller Shoe Company, Columbia Savings Bank, Boone County Trust Company, Boone County National Bank and Newman Hardware store.

"All establishments not displaying flags by Monday probably will be visited on that day," said Mr. Stephens.

Arrangements to have representatives at forty or fifty places downtown during Red Cross Week were made at a meeting of the board of directors of the local chapter of the Red Cross yesterday. High school girls are to aid with the work of inducing Columbians to join the Red Cross.

An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Marshall Gordon, Mrs. C. W. Greene, Mrs. M. B. Fink, N. D. Evans and Lee Walker. It will handle the routine work in the future. The organization is out of debt now and adopted the policy of paying cash for materials.

The work room has been filled to capacity recently. Five hundred dollars' worth of pajamas are needed for the work room in Columbia and the local chapter wants \$500 worth of hospital shirts for county work.

The organization of the entire county for the Red Cross membership drive was completed yesterday when

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Some cloudiness but generally fair tonight and Saturday; continued cold tonight but moderating Saturday and probably Sunday. Lowest temperature tonight near zero.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday and northwest portion tonight. Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature tonight will be 5 below zero North; about 5 to 8 above zero East, South and West.

Weather Conditions. Relatively speaking the weather this morning is not so cold in the Great Central Valley and Plains. In the northern sections it is only about 20 below zero, and in the lower Missouri Valley and Central Plains it is above zero above zero. East of the Mississippi the weather is colder, and for the third time this month freezing conditions obtain in Florida.

Precipitation, mostly snow, has been general over the northern and eastern states. In Columbia cold weather will continue but with upward tendency of temperature Saturday and probably Sunday.

Local Data. The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 7 and the lowest last night was 4; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 74 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 15 and the lowest 2 precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac. Sun rises today, 7:21 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m.

Moon sets. The Temperatures Today.

8 a. m.	7	11 p. m.	8
9 a. m.	5	12 p. m.	8
10 a. m.	4	1 p. m.	10
		2 p. m.	10

Horace C. Smith organized the campaign in Ashland. The executive committee appointed is composed of the following: Dr. F. C. Suddarth, chairman; T. E. Whitfield, the Rev. J. E. Elmore, Edwin Nichols, S. R. Hazel, L. E. Christian, G. W. Hall.

## BASS, TIGER CAPTAIN

Leader of 1918 Football Team Is From Enid, Okla.

Henry B. Bass, right tackle last season, was selected at noon today by his teammates to lead the 1918 football team. Two other men were eligible for the captaincy, William Collins, half-back for the past two seasons, and Harry Viner, full-back on the football team and a guard on the basketball team.

The Tiger captain-elect has "played in hard luck." In 1916 he was kept out of the game almost all of the time with boils. Last fall he was injured in the Oklahoma game and was unable to play the rest of the season.

Bass is 20 years old, weighs 175 pounds, and is 6 feet tall. This season he was selected on the third all-Valley eleven despite the fact that injuries kept him out of several of Missouri's most important games. His home is in Enid, Okla.

Owing to the fact that so many members of the squad were enlisted a vote was taken on whether or not a captain should be elected now or to wait until the men assembled for practice next fall. Five of the seventeen M men are in some branch of the service and several of the others are subject to the next draft call.

Navy Department to Be Probed. By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A House committee to investigate the conduct of the war by the Navy Department was created by the Naval Committee today in executive session.

Two Throat Operations at Hospital. Miss Elsie Engelman and Miss Ida Deaton underwent throat operations at Parker Memorial Hospital today.

ITALIAN LINE HOLDS  
AGAINST 3 ATTACKS

Austro-Germans Take Few Trenches in Unimportant Territory.

## WEATHER STILL BAD

Inundated Section Along Piave River Hinders Enemy Advance.

By Associated Press.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 14.—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenta and Piave rivers, the enemy is holding some trenches on Col-Beretta and the summit of Monte St. Inucca, but the rest of the Italian line is in its original position. This is the enemy's third unsuccessful attempt to break through the Italian lines to the plains below.

The inclement weather continues an important factor. A downpour of rain the last two days has filled the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obliterating the water barrier of the enemy trenches only a few hundred yards away.

The water in the inundated section along the lower Piave also had fallen from five inches to a foot. The rise has again made the river a flood-deep barrier, and the enemy has been put to a disadvantage in pushing its offensive.

## MRS. NANCY E. COATES DIES

Asthma Fatal to the Wife of Eliza Coates.

Mrs. Nancy Evelyn Coates died of asthma at 10 o'clock this morning at her home 1119½ Mores boulevard. Mrs. Coates was the wife of Eliza Coates. She left eight children. They are: Mrs. Lele Campbell, Mrs. Ira Davis, Mrs. Betty Nichols, John Coates, Newton Coates, Edward Coates, James Coates, all of Columbia, and Mrs. Anna McKenzie of Kansas City. The funeral services will be held Sunday at Rockyfork Church at Hinton. The Rev. A. B. Coffman will officiate. The time of the funeral will not be decided upon until Mrs. McKenzie arrives from Kansas City.

## Stephens to Close Next Thursday.

Stephens College will close for the holidays at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning. Special cars to Kansas City and St. Louis for the students will leave on the Wabash at 10:50 o'clock. A special car on the Katy will leave at 12:50 o'clock in the afternoon for Kansas and Oklahoma points. School will begin on January 9.

## Trained Nurse Sues For \$975.

Suit was filed today in the Circuit Court by Miss Eva F. Mercy of Tulsa, Okla., a trained nurse, against Harry W. Thomas of Centralia, for \$975 and interest. This sum, she states in her petition, was due her for nursing him from October 1913 to October, 1914.

## Miss Vangie Tolson Married Today.

Miss Vangie Tolson, 29 years old, of northwest of Columbia, was married to Aaron Level, 27 years old, of Columbia, this afternoon by the Rev. W. S. St. Clair.

## Captain Longwell Goes to Camp Dix.

Captain Chester Longwell left Wednesday night for Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., where he will assist in training members of the new Army.

BOLSHEVIKI VICTORY  
IN CLASH REPORTED

In Battle With Counter-Revolutionists Troops Capture Two Towns.

## FIGHTING IS SEVERE

German Bombs Kill American Engineers in Town Behind British Front.

By Associated Press.

Bolsheviki forces apparently have been successful in the first clashes with the counter-revolutionists, and it is reported that they have captured Tamanovka and Kaluga. General Kaledines is besieging Rostov on the Don, the largest city in the Don Province, and heavy fighting has been in progress there since Sunday.

Tamanovka is 350 miles south of Moscow and near where the forces of General Korniloff leading counter-revolutionist followers are reported to have been engaged in a heavy battle with the Bolsheviki.

One report said Korniloff had been defeated and personally wounded. Another said he had been victorious.

There is a railway station by name of Kaluga 100 miles southwest of Moscow, and if this is the town referred to in the unofficial reports from Petrograd, it appears that the counter-revolutionists are nearer the old Russian capital than previous reports had indicated.

Severe fighting has been going on in and around Rostov. General Kaledines has been besieging the city, while Cossack forces to the south of this place are reported to have attacked the Bolsheviki troops. The losses are reported to have been heavy on both sides.

Artillery and local infantry fighting have been in progress on the western front, to which the Germans are still rushing troops and supplies. The enemy has attempted no further massed attacks since Wednesday, and there is still no outward signs of where the expected blow is to come.

German bombs have killed a number of American railway engineers in a town behind the British front. In another town a German bomb fell in a street through which the American troops were marching. Although the missile fell close, no injuries resulted.

## Bolsheviki Hasten to Assembly.

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Bolsheviki delegates to the constituent assembly are hastening to Petrograd from all parts of Russia in response to a declaration for the assembly issued from here. None of the Bolsheviki attended the preliminary organization meeting of the assembly yesterday. It is believed they are holding out until control is assured by sheer force of members.

The preliminary meeting was attended by about seventy delegates, mostly Social Revolutionists. Mayor Schnaider of Petrograd, who presided, made a speech in which he declared that the assembly had been opened; but the delegates later compromised by adopting a resolution to the effect that the assembly would have all powers when it was legally opened—and a quorum, as fixed by the old committee, should be present.

## Prisoners Are Exchanged.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Russian authorities have ordered the release of all civilian German prisoners in exchange for 4,000 Russian officers in German prisons, according to an official dispatch published in Stockholm yesterday.

It is reported reliably today that Russia troops have been ordered also to evacuate Finland. The commander-in-chief is said to have acknowledged the independence of Finland.

## Peace May Follow Armistice.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—L. Trotaky, Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has announced that, if an armistice for the Eastern front is signed at Brest-Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

## ISSUE 24 WARRANTS FOR TAXES

Police Serve Papers on Those Who Failed to Pay New Vehicle License.

Twenty-four city warrants have been issued and served by the police department on persons who have failed to pay the city vehicle tax. In several of the cases the police found that the persons for whom warrants had been issued no longer lived in Columbia. Other cases were found where the person paying the tax was not the one enumerated as owning the vehicle. In a few instances a plea of not guilty was entered and the cases will be tried before Police Judge Edwards.

## Baptists Plan Christmas Service.

Arrangements have been made for a special Christmas Sunday School service at the Baptist Church Sunday morning, December 23, at the regular Sunday School hour. There will be songs and recitations. Each child will bring a gift for some poor child in Columbia.